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FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION ON SEPTEMBER 19 AT 12:00
GO AND BE RECONCILED: ALABAMA METHODISTS CONFRONT RACIAL INJUSTICE, 1954 - 1974
PRESENTED BY WILLIAM NICHOLAS

Montgomery, AL (09/04/19)- *Food for Thought* continues another year of fascinating lectures on the rich history of Alabama at the Alabama Department of Archives and History on **Thursday, September 19 at 12:00 pm** when historian William Nicholas will present ***Go and Be Reconciled: Alabama Methodists Confront Racial Injustice, 1954 - 1974***.

Nicholas will discuss the fascinating story of the ongoing struggle for racial civil rights in Alabama in the 1960s and the attempts of the United Methodist Church to integrate its conferences during this period. His research of the complex confrontations in the life of a single denomination reveal an instructive mix of resistance to change and heroic leadership.

Nicholas is a Texas native and Professor Emeritus of History at Birmingham-Southern College. He was a professor of history at the college from 1972-2012 and taught courses such as *United States Diplomatic History*, *United States Urban History*, and *American Media History*.

Admission to *Food for Thought* presentations is always **FREE**. The public is invited to bring a brown bag lunch. Complimentary beverages will be provided. **For additional information call (334) 353-4689.**

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The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government-records repository, a special-collections library and research facility, and home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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